

Yuetter, a native of Nebraska, as a special trade representative. We look upon that as a very positive factor in the trade efforts of this state and the member states, and of all of the states but, nonetheless, I believe that the adoption of this kind of a compact could be very helpful for all of the states. I visited over the past several months with individuals from the Dakotas, from Kansas, from Iowa, and Oklahoma, Missouri, many of them have expressed this kind of an interest. The previous experience, we had I believe 14 or 15 states that were interested. The compact says that unless we have at least five, the compact shall cease to exist. The amendment that Senator Lamb has placed on it calls for the payment of \$50,000 by each member state towards the operation of the commission. There may need to be some additional refinements of the bill on Select File. We are in contact with other states and I want to point out that I believe in the 1978 or 9 period several states did adopt the bill, but because of the failure of enough other states to adopt the bill, the compact was never brought into effect. There was also some concern at that time that there were violations of the federal antitrust statutes if the states were to adopt this kind of an act. The federal government has since that time changed those statutes and we are in fact allowed to enter into these kind of compacts. The compacts must be, as I said, entered by a minimum of five states, ratified by the Congress, and then we can operate. I would hope that the members would advance the bill. I would be glad to answer any questions you might have.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Senator Vard Johnson.

SENATOR V. JOHNSON: Senator Schmit, I do have a question that Senator Lamb's amendment raised in my mind and that question is pretty simple. The bill would call for an annual appropriation apparently by the State of Nebraska to the marketing commission of \$50,000 which is not a large sum of money. My question is this, however, why should we not require the checkoff boards to ante up the \$50,000? The checkoff boards are now gathering hundreds of thousands of dollars for marketing purposes. Why should the checkoff boards not be required for their continued existence as checkoff boards to ante up the \$50,000, Senator Schmit?

SENATOR SCHMIT: Well, Senator Johnson, I wish you had been here a couple of days ago. We discussed the checkoff boards